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GINNING REPORT WEDNESDAY.

FIRST COLD SNAP MAY HAVE EFFECT ON MARKET.

Report Expected to Confirm Large Crop Ideas—Spot Demand to be Watched.

New Orleans, Oct. 22.—The first real cold snap of the season has spread over the cotton belt since the market closed last week, and complete returns regarding its severity ought to be available on the opening session of the new week. Against this as a bullish factor will be the expectations regarding the census bureau report on ginning to be given out Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. New Orleans time.

The contention of the bears and even of conservative bulls is that cold weather will do little real damage.

The hope of the bulls is that it will jolt spot people into buying. It is likely that the effect of cold weather on opinion in Europe will be much greater than in this country, and again the bulls hope that it will start spinners to purchasing their requirements.

It is generally conceded that the crop is so far advanced that frost can do it little harm. In the more northern portions of the belt it will kill the top crop, but this has been expected.

The ginner's report is not expected to do anything but confirm large crop ideas. Estimates of it run from about 7,500,000 to 8,000,000 bales.

It will take returns over 7,800,000 to cut prices down very much, and probably figures considerably under 7,500,000 to cause much of an advance. A year ago the ginner's returns were 5,410,000.

The spot demand will be watched very closely this week, for those who are bullishly inclined have the theory that spots are going to lead futures in the reaction upward that seems certain sooner or later.

HOT WORDS ON A COLD DAY.

No Mercy to Trusts, Taft Declares, as Snow Falls.

New Castle, Wyo., Oct. 20.—President Taft again made it clear, in a speech here tonight, that it is his intention to enforce the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, no matter how much offending combinations squeal for mercy.

"The Supreme Court," said Mr. Taft, "has rendered two decisions, one against the Standard Oil Company, requiring it to be broken up and disintegrated into parts, and the other against the American Tobacco Company. There are other companies that are charged in the same way. Some of them are coming in to voluntarily divide themselves up, and just as we are about to reach a proper and successful administration of the law we begin to find that there are some people who object to the administration because of the fact that we are prosecuting those trusts, and we are enforcing the law."

"It is a case where the Administration is going to be damned if it does not and damned if it does. Our understanding in the Administration is that when the President lifted his hand and swore to defend the Constitution and enforce the law, it meant something, and when there was a law on the statute books for twenty years to suppress these combinations against Inter-State trade, to monopolize and to interfere with that trade and to control prices, that it was his business and the business of all under him to enforce the law, and that is what we are doing and that is what we propose to do, no matter whether we are damned or not."

"The prosecution of these great combinations that have been trying to prevent competition must go on until the law is repealed or the law is enforced; no combinations shall exist which shall be able to prevent competition and establish a monopoly, and that is the policy which the Administration has adopted and one it intends to carry through."

The President spent the day traveling in Northern Wyoming. He started at Sheridan in the morning, with the thermometer down around 25, and stopped for the night in New Castle. Mr. Taft's speech here commenced just as snow began to fall.

Considerable complaint has been made by residents of that vicinity of the merry-go-round situated at the corner of Bartlett and Main street. The trouble was at its worst Saturday when the sidewalk in front of the machine was blocked with negroes and the music of its merry-making could be heard until midnight.

HAS SEABOARD ACQUIRED ROAD

Marion Hears Rumor That Deal Has Been Made and Road Will Be Extended.

Marion, Oct. 20.—For several days it has been rumored that the Seaboard Air Line had bought the Raleigh and Charleston railway, which runs from Lumberton to Marion, and that the general offices will be moved to Portsmouth, Va. This seems now to be confirmed. There is quite a little speculation and talk that the road will now be extended to some point on the Waccamaw river. This would traverse some fine farming land and at the same time give Marion another outlet to the sea.

FIFTY THOUSAND BUSHELS SHORT.

Unfavorable Weather Reduces South Carolina Oat Crop.

Columbia, Oct. 20.—Owing to the spring drought the oat crop in South Carolina this year is short 50,000 bushels of the total number of bushels of oats grown in this State last year. In spite of the decrease in quantity, however, the oat crop of 1911 was worth nearly \$80,000 more than the crop of 1910. The report on the oat crop, which has been compiled by the department of agriculture, shows also a slight decrease in yield per acre, which is probably responsible for the larger portion of the shortage.

The quality of the crop, however, shows a considerable betterment over last year, being 83 this year against 87 in 1910.

In 1911, according to the report, there were 5,500,000 bushels of oats grown in South Carolina. This crop is valued at \$3,069,000. The crop of 1910 totaled 4,999,000 bushels, but it was valued at only \$2,981,000.

The yield per acre in 1911 was 20.4 on an average. The yield last year averaged 21 bushels. The decrease is ascribed to the drought during the spring.

IN THE POLICE COURT.

Negroes up for Carrying Concealed Weapons and Drunkenness.

There were few cases for Monday to be heard in the police court, but those cases that were up were generally for weightier offenses than the usual everyday lot which comes before the Recorder.

Julius Zuell, for indecent exposure of person, was fined \$10 or 30 days.

James Davis, for carrying concealed weapons, public drunkenness and creating a disturbance, was fined \$20 for the first offense and \$10 each for the other two offenses.

It seems that Davis was drinking some Saturday night and wandered into the house of one Eliza Boozer. He drew his gun and, it was alleged, threatened to shoot the Boozer woman and her daughter. They ran out and went for the police, while Davis fell asleep in a chair, where he was rudely disturbed by the arm of the law.

Cornell Williams, public drunkenness, carrying concealed weapons disorderly conduct. It seems from the evidence given by the witnesses for the State that Williams drank more whiskey than he could well carry successfully and that he wandered about the street drawing his pistol, a small double barreled Derringer, on other negroes who did not please him. At church he threatened to shoot a negro boy named Ludd, because Ludd had disrupted him. Ludd at once left and carried himself off to a neighboring policeman and asked for aid. Ludd was arrested and locked up. After the State's witnesses had been heard Mr. Harmon D. Moise took up the case for the defendant, who stated that he had not yet been able to get his witnesses together, and the rest of the hearing was postponed until Tuesday.

Can't Cancel if Rates are Raised.

Washington, Oct. 18.—All railroads were forbidden by the interstate commerce commission today to cancel rate contracts with other roads when such action will result in a raise of freight rates. The decision followed investigation of the Northern Pacific's increase of eastbound lumber rates from Oregon and Washington points on the Tacoma Eastern railroad.

On North Main street, beginning at the junction of Warren street, there are a number of holes which ought to be filled. There is within a distance of a hundred yards at least ten holes which need the attention of the street gang.

NEGROES THREATEN TOWN.

BLACKS MENACE COWETA, FOLLOWING SUNDAY LYNCHING.

Troops From Muskogee Ordered to Scene Where White Men Are Guarding Homes.

Coweta, Okla., Oct. 22.—Ed Suddeth, a negro, was shot to death tonight by a mob of citizens who had armed themselves following a battle with blacks, after Suddeth killed J. D. Beavers, city attorney, and wounded Carmen Oliver and S. T. Thomas, white men. Both men have little chance to live. Suddeth was wounded and then strung up to water tank, but was cut down before he died and was locked up. Tonight Deputy Sheriff Flowers attempted to take the slayer to the Wagoner jail. As the negro was being lifted into an automobile the mob opened fire on him. Probably 50 bullets entered the body.

Large numbers of negroes were arriving tonight and a race war seemed inevitable. The white men of the town were patrolling the streets and guarding their homes. They were afraid to take the women out of the houses to send them to Muskogee on the last train out.

The trouble started yesterday afternoon when a young man named Swayzer was walking with a young woman, when Ed Ruz, a negro, in passing pushed the girl from the sidewalk into the mud. Swayzer struck at the negro, and another white man, whose name is being kept secret, seized Ruz and Swayzer beat him with his fist. Today Ruz had been walking the streets with a long knife in his pocket, seeking the man who held him. City Marshal Hart ordered the negro to give up the knife and Ruz shot at him.

At that time Ed Suddeth ran out of a house across the street and opened fire, instantly killing City Attorney Beavers, and wounding Oliver and Thomas, all of whom were passing and had taken no part in the trouble. Suddeth took refuge in a nearby house, which was bombarded with guns and revolvers by several white men. The house was set afire and Suddeth fled. He was shot. He was taken to the water tank, a rope placed about his neck, and was swung up.

It was then decided, however, that to kill him would precipitate a general riot, and he was cut down. He was placed in a vacant building and guarded, but later taken to jail. As he was being transferred to an automobile which was to take him to Wagoner, a mob riddled him with bullets, probably 50 shots taking effect in his body.

Coweta is panic stricken tonight. There are 1,200 persons in Coweta, one-third of whom are negroes. The county is populated largely by negroes, and it was said that if the blacks were organized they could bring 2,000 men into town before morning.

The negroes threaten to wipe the town off the map.

TROOPS TO THE SCENE.

While Soldiers Hasten Negroes Receive Reinforcements.

Muskogee, Oct. 23.—While what militia can be raised tonight is being rushed from here by special train to the aid of the white population in Coweta, large numbers of armed negroes from surrounding points are hastening to the town to assist in the battle on the whites.

Besides the killing of the city attorney and the lynching of his slayer, a number of both races have been shot in the fights, according to reports received here. The negro population is infuriated by the killing of Suddeth. They sent out runners to all nearby towns, several of which are exclusively negro settlements, to call them to aid in fighting the whites and make good their threat to wipe the town off the map before morning.

Although the trouble has been looked for by the whites for some time, they were short of ammunition for such a conflict as is anticipated.

Mr. George Spivens, who will be remembered in this city as one of the men convicted of the murder of Mr. Ted Gillard several years ago, but who was later acquitted upon a second trial being had, was in the city Thursday renewing his acquaintance with former friends. Mr. Spivens stated that he had been treated so well here that he could not resist the temptation of stopping over for a day. He is now advance agent for the Sanger Shows and was on his way from Manning to Augusta.

Y. M. C. A. PLEDGES.

Partial List of Y. M. C. A. Subscribers for Building Fund who Have Paid in Full Their Pledge.

Kolb, J. M.; King, C. F.; Kolb, W. E.

Lemmon, Chas. J.; Lee, R. D.; Lynam, E. H.; Lesesne, A. S.; Levy and Moses; Ligon, Jas. R.; Lawson, F. O.

McLaurin, H. J.; Manning, J. A.; McCormack, C. E.; Mood, Emma; Mason, C. T.; Mitchell, S. B.; McKelver, J. W.; Moise, R. S.; Marion, J. P.; McKinney, W. H.; Michaux, M. J.; Moses, H. A.; McClure, Joe; McKay, Robt.; Matthews, P. C.

Nettles, L. D. O'Donnell, Neill. Parrott, Mrs. L. I.; Parrott, P. M.; Pate, A. M.

Kingsmore, C. J.; Koenneke, J. C. Lawrence, H. J.; Loryea, I. M.; Lee, R. Dozier; Lemmon, G. A.; Leak, P. O.; Levy, Geo. D.; Lowry, E. B.; Levy, Julian, Jr.; Morse, John H.; McFadden, R. C.; Moses, E. H.; Maye, P. R. Jr.; Mims, W. E.; Mason, C. S.; Myers, Marion; Manning, R. I.; McGrath, Chas.; McKnight, J. A. Mood, J. A.; McCallum, J. L.; McCallum, D. R.; Mathis, M. T.; Newman, Joseph; Osteen, N. G. Jr.; Parrott, Mrs. E. F.; Phillips, L. B.; Pitts, H. B.; King, C. W.; Kelly, D. P.; Levi, Mitchell; Loring, Geo. W.; Lyons, Lewis; Leonhirth, L. J.; Lee, W. L.; Levy, Waverly B.; Lowry, Mary; Long, O. C.; Manning, B. D.; McFaddin, Ella; Moise, D. D.; Moses, P. Jr.; Miller, E. S.; McLeod, S. M.; Maurer, J. P.; Montague, B. L.; Middleton, J. A.; Moses, H. P.; McCollum, T. W.; McKay, W. J.; McCollum, J. H.; Nicols, Fred; Osteen, C. P.; Owen, Dorothy; Parrott, H. C.; Pate, W. H.; Pitts, Mrs. G. B.; Pitts, P. M.; Purdy, R. O.; Riles, H. V.; Reynolds, W. S.; Ryttenberg, I. A.; Randall, Maurice; Raffeld, J. A.; Rhame, C. L.; Raffeld, F. S.; Seabrook, M. W.; Shaw, D. C.; Shaw, Edwin; Scott, W. H.; Stubbs, W. G.; Scarborough, R. C.; Scarborough, J. H.; Siddall, H. A.; Shelor, Robt.; Shelor, H. W.; Seay, Sada; Stansill, Eugene; The S. P. Richards Co.; Scott, Marion W.; Shaw, Willie; Shirer, W. P.; Tucker, H. C.; Upshur, W. B.; Wescoat, J. J. Jr.; Walsh, Bartow; White Earline; Wilson, V. Elois; Parker, W. R.; Parker, E. W. Jr.; Rose, H. A.; Randall, Buford; Rees, W. W.; Rhame, E. H. Jr.; Richardson, Allen; Richardson, Irvine; Rhame, B. J.; Shaw, W. F.; Shaw, Mrs. D. C.; Shaw, Gifford; Smith, T. N.; Stubbs, A. J.; Scarborough, Alfred; Scarborough, J. H. Jr.; Sibert, W. W.; Satterwhite, F. M.; Sumter, J. R.; Strong, J. H.; Spann, F. M.; Sisters of Mercy; Staley, W. D.; Scott, Hal P.; Taylor, E. R.; Taylor, G. E.; Wilson, E. R.; Wacator, E. S.; Warren, R. M.; White, Mary E.; Winburn, J. H.; Pringle, S. M.; Purdy, J. L.; Rotholf, Marie; Rowland, C. G.; Ricker, Geo. L.; Ryttenberg, A.; Ryan, J. B.; Reames, W. S.; Randle, Edwin; Shaw, Wilfred; Shaw, A. L.; Strauss and Co.; Smith, W. Percy; Stubbs, C. L.; Scarborough, H. L.; Siddall, T. H.; Shore, Geo. D.; Stuckey, H. M.; Southerland, Martha; Shirer, J. D.; Shelor, W. R.; Strauss, I.; Scarborough, T. A.; Stoll, P. H.; Thompson, A. C.; Tidale, A. E.; Wallace, B. C.; Wilford, W. H.; Wilder, R. E.; Wright, J.; Wilson, Thomas; Wilson, Evie A.; Walsh, T. V.; Wilson, J. B.; Witherspoon, E. D.; White, J. D.; Windham, E. T.; Yeadon, Daisy; Ward, T. P.; Whilden, Mrs. M. V.; Witherspoon, E. L.; Wilder, J. G. R.; Wilder, R. K.; Williamson, S. A.; Yates, W. H.; Witherspoon, H. L.; Warren, G. L.; White, E. Turner; White, Hettie; Witherspoon, R. H.; White, L. E.; Yates, O. L.

HAS KEPT LIGHT 60 YEARS.

"Grace Darling" of New England Coast is Stricken.

New York, Oct. 22.—Ida Lewis, keeper of the Lime Rock light known as the "Grace Darling" of the New England coast, is still unconscious tonight from the stroke of apoplexy by which she was stricken yesterday. She is 72 years old and has been in charge of the Lime Rock lighthouse for 60 years. Miss Lewis is the only woman lighthousekeeper on the Atlantic coast.

Clinton Glover, colored, was convicted at St. George on the charge of attempting to make a criminal assault upon a white woman.

Cotton during the early part of Monday brought as high as nine cents, but dropped to 8 3-4 during the day. The receipts were very light.

CHINA ASKS FOR JAP AID.

BELIEVED IN TOKYO THAN PEKIN HAS ASKED ASSISTANCE.

Japanese Government Will Make No Move Until Understanding With Powers is Held.

Tokyo, Oct. 22.—Reliable private reports confirm the news that the revolutionaries were victorious in their engagements with the imperial troops at Hankow. The martial spirit of the imperialists is said to be exceedingly low.

Yuan Shi Kai, newly appointed viceroy of Hu Peh and Hu Nan, so far as is known, has not made any move in the direction of the disaffected provinces. He still was at Chang Teh October 20, and, according to his servants, there was no sign of his departure.

The Pekin government and Gen. Chao Erh Hsun, viceroy of Manchuria, have made separate applications to the Yokohama specie bank for a loan of several million yen. It is understood applications have practically been complied with, although the exact amounts and the terms of the loans have not been made public.

It is believed here that China already has applied to Japan for military assistance. Japan will make no move until after having an understanding with the powers. Should Japanese troops be dispatched they will be limited to the protection of Manchuria.

The following instruction to the Japanese naval service, in general have been issued by the minister of marine, Vice Admiral Baron Minoru Saito.

"The present developments in China being of a serious character, each and every one of those serving in the imperial navy is expected to be diligent and faithful to his respective duties. He shall place himself on guard as to word and action so as not to injure the name of the imperial navy or Japan's foreign relations."

In Korea there are no signs of agitation or disturbance of any kind.

J. W. BARNES SHOT.

Sheriff Sally Goes out With The Warrant.

Orangeburg, Oct. 21.—Sheriff Sally left the city this afternoon with a warrant for Fisher Cleaveley and one Carson, charging an assault on the person of J. W. Barnes, who resides in this county some miles from this city in the Fork section. The warrant was sworn out upon information being received here to the effect that J. W. Barnes had been shot. The full particulars were unobtainable up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Wounds Not Serious.

Orangeburg, Oct. 22.—John W. Barnes, a prominent farmer of the Cope section of Orangeburg County, who was shot yesterday morning by Fisher Cleaveley, a well-known farmer, is getting along favorably at his home, and his wounds are not thought to be serious.

One of the two balls that struck Mr. Barnes has been removed from in the hip. This ball coursed around the stomach, lodging in the hip. The other ball has been located near the jugular vein of the neck, but has not been removed.

BROTHER KILLS BROTHER.

Slayer Twelve, Victim Ten, in Spartanburg County Tragedy.

Spartanburg, Oct. 21.—David Fowler, aged 12, of Cherokee Springs, this afternoon shot and killed his brother, Dewey Fowler, aged 10. The shooting occurred at the home of the boys. The two boys were playing together and, it seems, that Dave became enraged at his younger brother over some childish matter. Securing his father's gun, he fired the fatal shot. Dewey fell in the yard and died within a few minutes.

Coroner Turner was notified and the result of the verdict of the coroner's jury was that the deceased came to his death from a gunshot wound in the hands of his brother, Dave. The case will be investigated in the courts.

Magistrate J. L. Gillis of Rembert turned in \$155 in fines to the county treasurer Thursday as the result of one day's work. This makes a considerably higher record than that made by Magistrate H. L. B. Wells, who turned in \$136, which was the amount received in fines during one month. It seems that Judge Gillis had a large bunch of crap shooters and poker players rounded up and got the money from them.

SUICIDE AT GREENWOOD.

Lafayette Sheppard, Suffering Ill-Health, Shoots Himself in the Temple.

Greenwood, Oct. 21.—Mr. Lafayette Sheppard, a well-known citizen of Greenwood, committed suicide yesterday afternoon late while sitting on the front piazza of his home on Oak street, shooting himself in the temple with a pistol. Mr. Sheppard had been in ill health for a long time and had been very despondent. He had been a resident of Greenwood for over 30 years.

SUIT INVOLVING DOG'S HEAD.

Greenville Man Demands Damages of Southern Express Co.

Greenville, Oct. 21.—Praying judgment in the sum of \$2,000, summons and complaint in an action against the Southern Express Company was filed this morning in the office of the clerk of Court of Greenville County, by Attorney Wilton H. Earle, for Mr. W. W. Miller, of this city. The complaint alleges that the defendant corporation, through negligence, carelessness, recklessness, wilfulness and wantonness, failed to deliver to Dr. F. A. Coward, director of laboratory of the State board of health, the head of a dog, supposed to have had hydrophobia, which bit two children of the plaintiff. The head was sent to the director for examination for hydrophobia, so the plaintiff would know whether or not his children were in danger from the bite of the animal.

The plaintiff alleges that the dog's head was not delivered to Dr. Coward until two days after it should have been delivered, and that when the director received the head it was so decomposed that examination was impossible, entailing upon the plaintiff heavy expenses for medicines, nursing and care, which sums would not have been expended had the examination of the dog's head been made, for it was learned after the danger period for hydrophobia had passed that the dog was not infected. The case is one of the most unusual ever brought in the courts of this county, and promises to be of considerable interest when brought to trial.

SUMTER HOTEL SITUATION.

A Progressive City Where Drummers are Compelled to Sleep in Chairs.

News and Courier.

Sumter needs a hotel. This fact has been a subject for discussion for a number of years. Sumter is a live, progressive city of some ten or twelve thousand inhabitants, with live business men and business houses doing business there. It is this business that carries traveling men to Sumter, otherwise they would not go. Sumter has a Chamber of Commerce and a number of men with large amounts of capital. The Chamber of Commerce has stories in the newspapers recording what the city is doing in a business way, it invites men with capital to come and see, yet, a city of that size with but one small hotel is lacking a very important factor.

It is a known fact that a number of men who had work to do in Sumter, have recently had to hunt lodging in the town and have spent nights sitting in chairs in the lobby of the one small hotel. The traveling men, who go to Sumter, are well paid, they have liberal expense accounts and are willing to pay liberally for good hotel service. The houses that employ these men expect service, but when a man goes to a town and has to sleep in a chair, it is not to be expected that his work should be the best.

Sumter is hurting its business interests by neglecting this important factor in its progress; the advertising it is getting on account of its hotel facilities will offset a large amount which it gets in other directions. The traveling men cannot build hotels, and it is up to the Chamber of Commerce and citizens of Sumter to do something, if they expect people to believe they are progressive. What will Sumter do about its lack of hotels?

The surveyors are still at work on the line of the South Carolina Western railway between Bishopville and this city. Several lines have been run, all of them east of the public road leading from this city to Mannville. The permanent line has not been run as yet to locate the route of the road, but it begins to look as if the road will pass not far from Bethel church and from that point will be parallel to and only a short distance from the C. S. & N. R. R.